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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know if any steps have been taken to remedy the situation that has been created in the Government Presses by the dismissal of large numbers of men and suspension of still larger numbers?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"There is absolutely no such situation created."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"Have the Government made any enquiry?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Yes."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"What is the result of the enquiry?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"There is no such situation."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"What action do they propose to take?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"If there is no situation, where is the necessity for any action?"

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"May I know if the Labour Commissioner has ever visited any of the Government Presses in Madras?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Yes."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"What is the report?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No special report."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"May I ask if the Labour Commissioner is satisfied that there is accommodation enough for all the employees?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Sir, the Government themselves are not satisfied with the press buildings. There are proposals for improving them."

Motor Vehicles Act

Number of motor cars and accidents in this Presidency.

*1696 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of private motor cars and of cars and buses plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1929 (figures to be given separately);

(*b*) the number of car and bus accidents in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency in 1929 ; and

(*c*) the proportion in which the number of accidents in 1929 has increased or decreased as compared with 1928 and 1927?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no information. A report will be called for.

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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the hon, the Minister has read the judgment of the court. The judgment was not merely for the raising of the licence fee from Rs. 13 to Rs. 50, but the court held that the Corporation had no right to demand the rent from the companies, as the site for the road was given to the Corporation for a specific purpose. May I know whether the Government are leaving the Government lands free of rent. Now, inasmuch as the Corporation have no right to charge such a rental, I would like to know whether Government propose to collect these rentals from the companies ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall be obliged if the hon. Member will repeat the question."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" The oil companies have occupied the land. They are defying to pay rent to the Corporation saying that they are not liable to pay to the Corporation and that the land belongs to the Government. What I ask is, are the Government going to let the oil companies free or are they going to collect the rentals ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Even after all this elaborate explanation of the hon. Member I am still unable to understand what his question is."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The supplementary question is whether the Government are prepared to collect ground-rent from the oil companies for having occupied the land which belongs to the Government and which the oil companies refuse to pay to the Corporation."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" If the hon. Member will read the answer to clause (*g*) he will find that the Government have not considered the question."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" What is the question that the Government have not considered, Sir ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The question whether Government should collect any rent from the oil companies for erecting pumps, etc."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister where in the question it is suggested that the Government should collect the rents ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is what the hon. Member Dr. Mallayya asked in his elaborate explanation which he made a moment or two ago."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" The answer states that the Government have not considered the question. May I know, what was the question put for the Government to consider ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is no supplementary question."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :— ' Are the Government aware of the fact that the Government have no right to collect rents from these lands which are vested in the municipality ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is asking for a legal opinion."